



The “Christmas Day” Freeze

Fact Sheet

Event date: December 23 – 25, 1989

Extremes: Inverness – 22°F

Extremes: Plant City – 25°F

Extremes: Brooksville – 26°F



Figure 1. Pictures and newspaper clippings from various Florida newspapers.

Summary of event: This freeze occurred on December 22-26. This freeze was the fifth *impact freeze recorded in Florida history, however it was the second impact freeze in a single decade, leaving growers little time to recover after the freezes of 1983 and 1985.

Links for more information:

<http://www.theledger.com/article/20091225/NEWS/912259950/1178?Title=1989-Christmas-Freeze-Florida-s-Citrus-Industry-Was-Changed-Forever>.

http://news.google.com/newspapers?id=i_ANAAAAI1BAI&sjid=ZW4DAAAAI1BAI&dq=freeze%20florida&pg=3842%2C8156782.



<http://news.google.com/newspapers?id=48wNAAAAIBAJ&sjid=V3UDAAAAIBAJ&dq=freeze%20flo rida&pg=6798%2C2730177>.

<http://news.google.com/newspapers?id=M9kTAAAAIBAJ&sjid=BwcEAAAAIBAJ&dq=freeze%20flo rida&pg=2781%2C1189024>.

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